



1725\$  
IFW  
71

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2314

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
)  
Makoto HARADA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1725  
)  
Application No.: 09/589,168 ) Examiner: Elve, Maria Alexandra  
)  
Filed: June 8, 2000 )  
)  
For: HYDROGEN REMOVING )  
APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on June 8, 2002 and the IDS filed on June 11, 2002.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Applicants attach a copy of the listed document. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate its consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO-1449 form.

06/09/2004 WABDELRI 00000012 09589168 180.00 0P  
01 FC:1806

Applicants point out that the listed document is mentioned on page 4 of the Specification of this application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

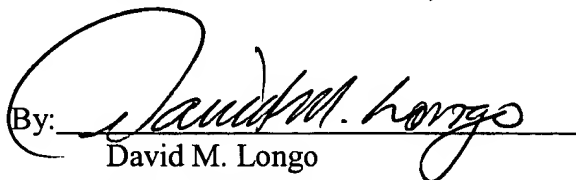
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

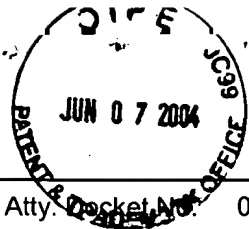
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: June 7, 2004

By:   
David M. Longo  
Reg. No. 53,235



## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

OMB No. 0651-0011

Atty. Docket No.	04329.2314	Appln. No.	09/589,168
Applicant	Makoto HARADA, et al.		
Filing Date	June 8, 2000	Group:	1725

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
		5-507553	10/1993	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


Examiner	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce